

September 8, 2003

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Mr. Thomas Dorman, Executive Director Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard P. O. Box 615 Frankfort, Kentucky 40602



RE: AN INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO KRS 278.260 OF THE EARNINGS SHARING MECHANISM TARIFF OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY — CASE NO. 2903-00334

and

AN INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO KRS 278.260 OF THE EARNINGS SHARING MECHANISM TARIFF OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY – CASE NO. 2003-00335

Dear Mr. Dorman:

Please find enclosed and accept for filing the original and ten (10) copies of the Motion of Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company to Amend the Procedural Schedule and for Leave to File Rebuttal Testimony with regard to the above-referenced cases.

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning this filing.

Sincerely,

J. Howard Bush/mgg

Manager, Regulatory Compliance

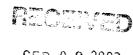
**Enclosures** 

cc: Hon. Elizabeth E. Blackford, Assistant Attorney General Hon. Michael L. Kurtz, Boehm, Kurtz & Lowry Michael A. Laros, Barrington-Wellesley Group, Inc.



## **COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



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In the Matter of:

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AND	
AN INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO KRS	)
278.260 OF THE EARNINGS SHARING	)
MECHANISM TARIFF OF LOUISVILLE	) CASE NO. 2003-00335
GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY	j

## MOTION OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY AND KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY TO AMEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND FOR LEAVE TO FILE REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

On September 4, 2003, the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") initiated investigations of the revised tariff filings of Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E") and Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") to continue their respective Earnings Sharing Mechanism ("ESM") for an additional three year period. In its Order, the Commission also established a procedural schedule for the proceedings.

LG&E and KU now request that the Commission alter the procedural schedule established in its Order of September 4, 2003 and instead adopt the following dates:

Requests for information by KU and LG&E to BWG shall be filed no later than	
BWG shall file its responses to KU and LG&E requests for information no later than	
Requests for information by Intervenors and Staff to BWG shall be filed no later than	
KU and LG&E shall file direct testimony in verified prepared form no later than	
BWG shall file its responses to requests for information by Intervenors and Staff no later than	
Requests for information to KU and LG&E shall be filed no later than	
KU and LG&E shall file responses to requests for information no later than	
Intervenors' testimony, if any, shall be filed in verified prepared form no later than	
Requests for information to Intervenors shall be filed no later than	
Intervenors shall file responses to requests for information no later than	
Rebuttal Testimony of LG&E and KU shall be filed in verified prepared form no later than	
Last day for KU and LG&E to give notice of public hearing To be scheduled	
Public Hearing, if necessary, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses	

The proposed amendments to the procedural schedule in these proceedings will allow LG&E and KU five additional days in which to file their information requests without prejudicing the rights of the other parties. This short extension of time is necessary due to the conflicting schedules and regulatory workload of key personnel in order to prepare testimony in

the MISO investigation in Case No. 2003-00266 due on September 22, 2003. Further, the size and volume of the Final Report of the Barrington-Wellesley Group, Inc. also merits additional time in which to prepare information requests.

The amendment to the procedural schedule will also permit LG&E and KU to file rebuttal testimony. Without leave to file rebuttal testimony, the procedural schedule in this case does not provide LG&E and KU with a meaningful opportunity to present evidence on any new issues raised by testimony filed by intervenors. See Utility Reg. Com'n. v. KY Water Service Co., Ky. App., 642 S.W.2d 591, 593 (1982) (due process entitles parties to have "an opportunity to test, explain or refute" evidence). The prefiling of rebuttal testimony by LG&E and KU will allow the Commission to more narrowly define the relevant issues and diminish the likelihood for a protracted, contentious hearing. This motion is not made for the purpose of unduly delaying the proceeding and will not prejudice the ability of the Commission to proceed with its review of LG&E's and KU's revised ESM tariff filings.

WHEREFORE, Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company respectfully request the Commission to issue an order amending the procedural schedule for these proceedings consistent with this pleading.

September 4, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing was served via U.S. mail, first-class, postage prepaid, this \_\_ day of September, 2003.

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